

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 1ST, 1936.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, on Wednesday, April 1st, 1936, the meeting being the quarterly meeting for the first Wednesday in April.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, also attended the meeting.

The Board took up the question of the issuance of \$55,000. of bonds on August 15th, 1936, as set forth in Chapter 89 of the Acts of 1935, the issue being a part of the General Bond Issue of 1935.

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 89, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News-Post, the first insertion to bear date of July 13th, 1936, and the last insertion to bear date of August 7th, 1936, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on August 12th, 1936, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$55,000.00 to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 12th day of August, 1936.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of August, 1936, and they shall bear interest at the rate of three per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of February and August, respectively, during the continuance of said loan.

Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 15th day of August, 1936. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

The following letter from Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, addressed to the Governor, dated March 31st, 1936, relative to the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, was read and considered -

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

March 31st, 1936.

2411 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md.

To His Excellency,
Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor:

Referring to the letter dated December 6, addressed to you by Dr. W. H. Wright, President of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, please be advised that after the copy of this letter was received by me, I made a personal inspection of the institution and have the following comments and recommendations to make in regard to the eight findings of the Board of Managers.

Items 1 and 2 have been taken care of so that the institution ended the year with no deficit.

Item 3 is a very just criticism of the condition of these buildings. Both labor and material that went into the construction of these buildings were defective and a severe rain causes leaks due to the inferior construction. The State Engineer estimates that the weather proofing of these buildings will cost about \$700. This can be done if the Board of Public Works will make available this amount from the Reserve Fund. The school budget is not sufficient to carry this expense.

Items 4 and 5 are perfectly just criticisms. Especially are these remarks applicable to the crowded condition of the school room. Two teachers endeavor to teach two classes at the same time in one room which naturally leads to confusion and the impossibility of orderly instruction. I have an estimate from the State Engineer of \$4,650. to cover the cost of finishing the third floor of each of these cottages, thereby adding to the number of rooms available and relieving the congestion. To do this in both cottages would of course cost in the neighborhood of \$9,000. If this money could be obtained from Construction Funds at the disposal of the Board of Public Works, I recommend that such sum be used for this purpose.

This would also be able to take care of Item 7 which is a very just criticism. Inmates with active venereal disease should be more efficiently segregated.

Item 6. There is need at this institution for an additional building, but this will have to wait until more construction funds are provided as it is a matter of probably \$50,000 or \$60,000 to provide proper housing for the overflow inmates, recreational accommodations, especially for winter, and additional teaching space.

Item 8. This item has been taken care of by a transfer of funds in the Institution's budget.

From the above, it will be seen that:

Items 1, 2 and 8 have been provided for.

Item 3, the water proofing, requires \$700 and should be done before the next winter season.

Items 4, 5 and 7 can be taken care of by an allotment of construction funds to the amount of \$9,000.

Item 6, requires the building of a new cottage and we will have to wait for a later construction fund appropriation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ W. H. Blakeman,

State Budget Director.

After careful consideration of the matter the Board agreed to make available out of the Reserve Fund for the year 1936 the sum of \$700.00 to take care of the weatherproofing of the building, as set forth in item 3 of the report of the State Budget Director. It was understood that estimates for the work to be done would be obtained, and approval of the Board of Public Works received, before proceeding with the work.

It was also agreed that the sum of \$9,000 would be made available to the Institution for the purposes covered in items 4 and 5 of the State Budget Director's report, this money, however, to become available out of funds to be received by the State as grants in connection with work being done at other State institutions, but that no work was to be done, the payment for which is to come out of the \$9,000 to be received from grant money, until the money is actually received and in the State Treasury.

The following letter from Mr. Murray G. Hooper of the Executive Department, dated March 25th, 1936, was read and considered -

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

March 25, 1936.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

I enclose herewith bills in duplicate from the Baltimore Sun, Baltimore News-Post, and Daily Record, totaling \$2,982.27. These bills are for publishing the Governor's Delinquent Corporation Proclamation of 1936 for which there was an appropriation made as shown by Budget Bill, Miscellaneous Appropriations, Item 2 of \$2000. My understanding after talking with you over the telephone today is that you will take care of paying the balance of \$982.27 of this amount, through the Board of Public Works and I will thank you to advise me when the bills have finally been paid.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Murray G. Hooper,
Chief Clerk.

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The Board authorized the expenditure of the sum of \$982.27 out of the 1936 Reserve Fund to supplement the appropriation of \$2,000 to the Governor for publishing the Proclamation of Delinquent Corporations.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Frederick K. Detwiller, Carnegie Hall, New York City, in reply to a letter addressed to Mr. Detwiller asking what was meant by the statement that he would be willing to sell the painting "The Washington Walnut" for a modest or nominal sum.

In view of Mr. Detwiller's statement that his idea of such a sum would be enough money to make the purchase of the painting legal, the Secretary was authorized to write Mr. Detwiller and say that the State would be willing to offer the nominal sum of \$5.00 for the painting and to take care of transportation charges to Annapolis.

The Governor brought to the attention of the Board that there had been submitted to him for approval budget amendments to appropriations for the State Roads Commission, The University of Maryland, School of Medicine, the State Game Department and the University of Maryland, School of Law, and that while he was willing to approve these amendments he wanted to give the other members of the Board an opportunity to view them and to also approve them.

After reviewing the amendments the Comptroller and Treasurer noted their approval on the amendments, all of which were dated April 1st, 1936.

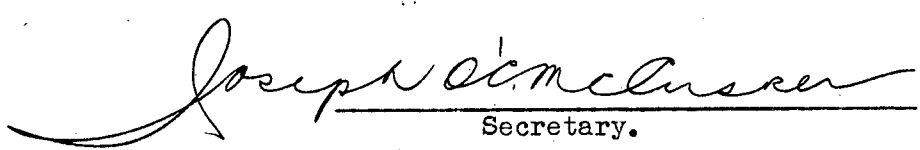
Mr. Miles, State Treasurer, said that he wanted to advise the members of the Board relative to the controversy which seemed to be going on lately in the newspapers relative to the placing of insurance on property under the jurisdiction of the State Roads Commission. Mr. Miles stated that in placing this insurance he felt he was carrying out the instructions of the Board of Public Works in this matter, and that the insurance which had been placed up to this time had cost the State less in premiums than had been the case heretofore. Mr. Miles stated that he was still endeavoring to get the State Roads Commission to

turn over to him some additional information in connection with some of its insurable property.

The Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Miles should look after this insurance, and the Governor assured him of his cooperation in seeing that the instructions of the Board to Mr. Miles in this matter are recognized.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

** The Board considered the request of Doctor Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium that the sum of \$5,000.00 be made available to the Institution for work being done at the Salisbury Branch to supplement the amount of \$35,000.00 allotted to the Institution, for the enlargement of that Branch, out of the General Bond Issue of 1936. The additional sum of \$5,000.00 will come from grant money to be received from the Federal Government in connection with allotments to the Eastern Shore State Hospital and Spring Grove State Hospital in connection with construction work authorized by the Board of Public Works, and for which money was allotted out of the General Bond Issue of 1936.